

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

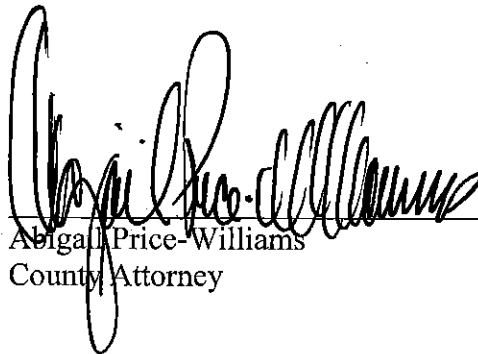
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 8, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop and promote the use of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the sport of polo, including but not limited to, through issuing a solicitation for a polo events manager and/or programming partner for polo recreation programs, the rental of horse stalls for polo horses, and the rental of the Equestrian Center for polo practice and matches for local and international events such as those hosted by the University of Miami's Polo Club

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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3-8-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE THE USE OF THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR THE SPORT OF POLO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THROUGH ISSUING A SOLICITATION FOR A POLO EVENTS MANAGER AND/OR PROGRAMMING PARTNER FOR POLO RECREATION PROGRAMS, THE RENTAL OF HORSE STALLS FOR POLO HORSES, AND THE RENTAL OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR POLO PRACTICE AND MATCHES FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SUCH AS THOSE HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S POLO CLUB; DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH THE STATUS OF AND PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING THE USE OF THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR THE SPORT OF POLO

**WHEREAS**, since 1979, Tropical Park has been a county-operated urban park located in Miami-Dade County, southwest of the intersection of the State Road 826-Palmetto Expressway and Bird Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Park attracts approximately 1.5 million visitors annually, offering many activities to park-goers, including, among others, bicycling, walking, running, basketball, and racquet sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Park today has the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center that hosts over 30 horse shows annually, including international shows, as well as the renowned Miami International Agriculture, Horse, and Cattle Show; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center could also be used for the sport of polo, a centuries-old sport that is played throughout many Latin American and European countries and which has seen its popularity steadily rise since the 1980's; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to develop the sport and play of polo at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center as it can provide additional recreational opportunities for the community, additional revenue opportunities for Tropical Park, and national and international exposure and tourism to Miami-Dade County for large polo events hosted therein,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to develop and promote the use of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the sport of polo, including but not limited to, through the issuance of a solicitation for a polo events manager and/or a programming partner for polo recreation programs, the rental of horse stalls for polo horses, and the rental of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for polo practice and matches for local and international events such as those hosted by the University of Miami's Polo Club.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to report back to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution with the status of and progress made in developing and promoting the use of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the sport of Polo. Such written report shall be placed on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

MBV

Monica Rizo Perez